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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP GRANT 3253 "THE PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPTS FOR THE HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF INDIA AND PAKISTANX" PROPOSED TRIP TO UNITED STATES BY CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR DR. SALIM ALI.

REF: STATE 107472; NEW DELHI 6070

- 1. THE LETTER OF INVITATION SHOULD INDICATE THAT COST OF TRAVEL OF DR. SALIM ALI TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS HIS PER DIEM THERE WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. THERE IS NO NEED TO MENTION SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY FINANCING. THE REASON FOR CONFUSION IN THE CASE OF PATRICIA REYNOLDS WAS THAT THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ASSUMED IT TO BE A DOLLAR TRANSACTION WHICH WAS A MISTAKE ON THEIR PART.
- 2. BASED ON THE FACT THAT IN THE PAST TWO OR THREE MONTHS WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL GOI APPROVALS OF OFFICIAL INDIAN TRAVEL TO THE STATES WITH US AGENCY SUPPORT, THE LIKELIHOOD WOULD ORDINARILY BE GOOD. HOWEVER, WITH THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH RENEWED THE ATTACK ON USG AND WHO RESEARCH PROJECTS IN INDIA, INCLUDING THE MIGRATORY BIRD STUDY WITH THE BOMBAY NATURAL HISTROY SOCIETY SEE REFTEL NEW DELHI 6070 THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM WITH GOI APPROVAL FOR SALIM ALI. SAXBE

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